12/30/71

Dear Bud,

Your letter 12/28 to JER very good. If you'd like, I can add other arguments I think he'll listen to. Let me kjow if you'd like me to write him. I went into other aspects that seemed to impress him when I was there.

Bob's comments on the spectro are good, and his point about CE141 is excellent. However, he lacks understanding of what the FBI really did do, and it is much more than he supposes. The biggest mistake we can make is believe anything they've said. It is necessary to master their arcane semantics. His point about the plates is also excellent. I disagree on the Nichols approach he recommends and in time you will learn that it is not at all necessary. In addition, that approach suffers the liability of his failure.

I now have a mug shot on Marie Stein and her and Charlie's rap sheets. There are six entries on her FBI record, from 3/9/53 to 12/8/59, mostly N.O., the first five mairjuana and narcotics, the last investigation (no disposition last indicated). She was convicted several times. She never used the name Martin, did use that of Ziegler. There is some confusion and apparent redundancy. She is small, appears to have been born 6/18/29 (5',92lbs)., and her first arrest was by Soule! Charles has no convictions I can be certain of on his NOPD BI sheet, five arrests, 5/9/53 to 2/16/63, with the charges giving some validity to what Jimmy told me about him and pills: No honest visible means of support; gambling (multiple charges); vagrancy; possession narcotics; poss. stolen goods; pandering; solicitation for prostitution; barbituates, conspiracies of a couple of related kinds, etc. It is a record not inconsistent with connections. I'll be trying to carry this further and will keep you posted. I'm putting this aside to show Jim. I expect him and Bob after the bar exams.

I have what I presume is notes from your source on the Process, and I'm putting them aside, too. My source is ambiguous, but I think he quotes from The Family, Sanders. I've not seen it. But I think that if this continues tobe of interest, it can be carried further in N.O., where it was incorporated 1/19/68. One of your lawyer friends should be able to get that data. It would be good to have a stat of that page of that year's city directory. I think I may have forgotten it. You can check what I've given you. My best source was in the hospital when I was there. Hope he'll be circulating when I'm there again, whenever that may be,

Nothing else new. No word from Mary, etc.

Best regards to all,